

# STATE INTERAGENCY COUNCIL (SIAC)

## October Meeting Summary



**Date | time** October 23, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. | **Meeting Location** Administrative Office of the Courts

**Meeting called to order by** Elizabeth Caywood, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair

## WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS & UPDATES

**Elizabeth Caywood**, Deputy Commissioner, Department for Community Based Services (DCBS) & SIAC Vice Chair, welcomed members/alternates to the meeting. Ms. Caywood provided an update for DCBS. DCBS has submitted their prevention plan to draw down Federal funds for prevention and in-home services for children and families. DCBS has received Federal feedback, and DCBS is in the process of responding to the feedback. Ms. Caywood also reported DCBS is working with the Office of Early Childhood on round two of the Early Childhood grant and with the Public Assistance Task Force.

- **Rachel Bingham**, Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC), reported that AOC is working closely with DCBS on the Guardian Ad Litem (GAL), court-appointed council rules and Family Court rules. There will be changes coming from that work, and it will increase some work and training requirements and expectations with the GAL and the SACs. Ms. Bingham reported AOC has been doing a lot of work with the Racial and Ethnic Disparities initiatives; their director has taken it agency wide into Pre-Trial and Specialty Courts. Ms. Bingham reported AOC has been working very closely with DJJ regarding the Jefferson County Detention Center closing.
- **Mary Jennings**, Family Resource & Youth Service Centers (FRYSC), reported they are gearing up for their Fall Institute, which is their annual training event, in Lexington where there will be over 700 Coordinators attending. FRYSC is continuing a joint effort with KDE and CHFS to do a "Follow a FRYSC" project that allows members of those cabinets to follow the FRYSC coordinators for a day to see how they are integrating into schools and the work they are doing.
- **Karen Mercer**, Office for Children with Special Health Care Needs (OCSHCN), reported Dr. Patricia Purcell is the new Medical Director at OCSHCN.
- **Rhonda Logsdon**, KY-SPIN, Family Organization Representative, reported the dates for the Special Education Summits throughout the fall; Ms. Logsdon will send the dates electronically for the SIAC Administrator to distribute. Ms. Logsdon reported the 2020 calendar of monthly webinars will be available soon. Ms. Logsdon reported all of the KY-SPIN training staff has the Connect the Dots Train the Trainers. KY-SPIN will be rolling this out the same as the Strengthening Families/Families Thrive and the Trauma Informed Care trainings. Ms. Logsdon reported KY-SPIN is also collaborating with the Larry Taylor and Heidi Cooley-Cook at the Autism Training Center.
- **Denitta Mercier**, Parent Representative, reported that she had met with all the RIAC Chairs and LRCs at their quarterly meeting to discuss her role as SIAC Parent Representative and how to help support RIAC Parent Representatives.
- **Missy Ross**, Center on Postsecondary Education (CPE), reported that today CPE has 35 high school Seniors training to be Peer Mentors. Dr. Deborah Gilboa, a National Expert on resilience, has created for a curriculum related to resilience.
- **Wendy Morris**, Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental & Intellectual Disabilities (DBHDID), reported DBHDID has grant positions available: Youth Leadership Coordinator working with the TAYLRD 2.0 grant is posted; and Project Director and Family Engagement Coordinator working with the newly awarded System of Care grant will be posted soon. Ms. Morris announced Beck Whipple is DBHDID's new Suicide Prevention Coordinator. Ms. Morris reported Kentucky was awarded a National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL) system enhancement grant. The grant will focus on increasing the number of in-state generated calls to the NSPL that

are answered in Kentucky. Previously about 52% of our calls have been answered by agencies outside the Commonwealth. The effort will focus on ensuring these calls are answered in-state by contracting with three CMHC crisis lines while working with all centers to increase their readiness to become or sustain NSPL accreditation. The goal will be that all crisis lines are either accredited by NSPL or are contracting with an NSPL accredited center to answer their calls by the end of the two-year project. Kentucky sent a contingent of staff from CHFS, KDE, and the Pritchard Committee to an NGA Convening on Improving Workforce Readiness through Social-Emotional Skills and School Climate in Santa Fe, New Mexico. This team will apply acquired resources to support implementation of the Social Emotional Health Task Force recommendations, school safety legislation, Project AWARE, and workforce readiness efforts.

- **Denver Butler**, Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), reported DJJ has been working with AOC and DCBS in regards to the Louisville Metro Youth Development Center closing. Mr. Butler reported DJJ is working with KYA and some of other partners identifying stakeholders in Louisville to try to build a robust front-end system.
- **Cora McNabb**, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), reported their Department is in the process of moving to the new 500 Building. Ms. McNabb reported OVR is collaborating with partners on a Workforce Summit that will be held in May. OVR will be holding six public hearings to get their state plan input. Right now, OVR has about 40,000 individuals in their system that they are providing services to, and potentially 5000 are students eligible in the school system.

## BUSINESS ITEMS

### ❖ Review of September Meeting Summary

**Rachel Bingham** made motion to approve. **Denver Butler** – second to the motion. Motion carried.

### ❖ Salt River Trail RIAC Youth Member Appointment

SIAC Vice Chair Elizabeth Caywood reported the youth representative has attended the last two RIAC meetings and completed an application to be appointed as their Youth Representative. Vice Chair Caywood requested SIAC Members review the application in their folders and asked if anyone objected to the appointment. Vice Chair Caywood appointed Erica Offutt as the Salt River Trail RIAC Youth Representative.

### ❖ Annual Recommendations to the Governor and Legislative Research Commission

**Elizabeth Caywood**, Deputy Commissioner of DCBS & SIAC Vice Chair, requested members/designees review the draft 2020 recommendations. **Lea Taylor**, SIAC Administrator, provided an overview of changes since the last meeting. Ms. Taylor presented two language choices for recommendation #3. Members chose option 1, so Ms. Taylor will incorporate that into the final document. Members recommended that linking children and transition age youth to family organizations be added as an action step on the SIAC Strategic Plan instead of having as a recommendation to the Governor and LRC.

**Rachel Bingham** made motion to approve as amended. **Wayne Lewis** – second to the motion. Motion carried. **Lea Taylor** will send draft of cover letter to SIAC Members/Designee for review and feedback.

## FAMILY & JUVENILE SERVICES: TRANSFORMING DIVERSION

**Rachel Bingham**, Executive Officer, and **Ashley Clark**, Clinical Supervisor, both with the Department of Family & Juvenile Services, Administrative Office of the Courts presented about changes that are happening with the Court Designated Worker program and diversion. AOC has shifted to a pro-social, strength-based approach. AOC is working to keep youth in their communities, preferably with their families. A copy of the PowerPoint is available [see Meeting Handouts].

## STANDING COMMITTEE UPDATES

- **Outreach & Promotion:** **Missy Ross**, Chair, reported that the committee is compiling a resource sheet that contains information about all the agencies and their resources. Ms. Ross provided copies of form and requested everyone to complete one by listing their agency, what the agency does and/or resources it has, and a contact person. The intent is to have a resource to simplify accessing resources. Ms. Ross stated the forms will be available at the next two SIAC meetings. Ms. Ross stated after the information is compiled, this resource can be shared with everyone.

- **Racial & Ethnic Disparities:** **Pastor Edward Palmer**, Chair, reported the committee has completed a Racial and Ethnic strategic plan for SIAC that will require input from all SIAC agencies. Pastor Palmer reported the Standing Committee wants to highlight some of the National work that AOC is doing around racial and ethnic disparities. Pastor Palmer talked about success in Jefferson and Christian counties and stated they are looking forward to highlighting the work.
- **Social & Emotional Health:** **Vestena Robbins**, Staff, reported the committee had two Year 1 goals, and they have accomplished all of their first year's actions. Dr. Robbins stated that the next few months they will focus on supporting the implementation of the Task Force's recommendations. Dr. Robbins requested the name of the committee change from the Social & Emotional Health Standing Committee to the Social & Emotional Health and Wellbeing Standing Committee.

**Rachel Bingham** made a motion to change name. **Missy Ross** – second to the motion. Motion carried.

## REGIONAL INTERAGENCY COUNCIL (RIAC) UPDATES & CHALLENGES

Vanessa Brewer, RIAC Administrator at Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities, reported that as of tomorrow, October 24, all the 2019 RIAC visits will be completed. Ms. Brewer reported a new RIAC funding opportunity was released in September, allowing RIACs to request up to \$15,000 dollars to support their current identified areas of focus; the deadline for submission is November 15. Ms. Brewer reported two ongoing challenges are finding RIAC Youth Representatives and communication between the RIAC members and their member agencies.

## FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

**Elizabeth Caywood**, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, asked for input on future agenda items.

- Prevention of Youth Suicide – Donnie Ray, Big Sandy RIAC, and Beck Whipple, DBHDID – November 2019
- SAFESPACE Final Results and Next Steps – SAFESPACE leadership committee – possibly November 2019
- Peer Support program – Carol Cecil and Barb Greene, KPFC – December 2019
- RED Strategic Plan – Pastor Palmer, Standing Committee Chair – November or December 2019
- SMART friends and family – Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children – TBD
- Kentucky's 5<sup>th</sup> System of Care Grant – Vestena Robbins and Beth Jordan, DBHDID – possibly February 2020
- National Agenda for America's Youth – Boys and Girls Club – TBD
- Business item: Formation of another standing committee – November 2019
- Business item: Legislative updates – November through the next few months

## PUBLIC COMMENT

**Elizabeth Caywood**, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, asked for any public comment.

## NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 | 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Administrative Office of the Courts, 1001 Vandalay Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601., Frankfort, KY 40601

## ADJOURNMENT

**Wendy Morris** made motion to adjourn. **Denitta Mercier** – second to the motion.

**Elizabeth Caywood**, Deputy Commissioner of Department for Community Based Services & SIAC Vice Chair, adjourned the meeting.

## SUMMARY OF ACTION ITEMS

TASK:	RESPONSIBLE PARTY:
Complete Resources and Contacts form for Outreach & Promotion Standing Committee	SIAC Members and stakeholders; submit to <a href="mailto:Missy.Ross@ky.gov">Missy.Ross@ky.gov</a>

## IN ATTENDANCE

### Members/Designees:

Elizabeth Caywood, DCBS  
Rachel Bingham, AOC  
Denitta Mercier, Parent  
Mary Jennings, FRYSC  
Wayne Lewis, KDE  
Cora McNabb, OVR

Rhonda Logsdon, KY-SPIN  
Karen Mercer, OCSHCN  
Denver Butler, DJJ  
Wendy Morris, DBHDID  
Missy Ross, CPE

Staff: Lea Taylor, SIAC Administrator, DBHDID; Lori Ramage, Administrative Specialist, DBHDID; Vanessa Brewer, RIAC Administrator, DBHDID

### Partial Guest List:

Vestena Robbins, DBHDID  
Sonny Mercier, SIAC Parent Alternate  
Kathryn Tillett, KDE  
Whitney Hayse, P&A  
Bill Heffron, DJJ  
Kim Hinkson-Lee, KDE  
Kathy Adams, Children's Alliance  
Ashley Clark, AOC  
Leigh Fitzpatrick, DMS  
Martha Campbell, Humana Care Source  
Veronica Sullivan, KDE  
Sarah Bowling, Aetna  
Tal Curry, Office of Autism  
Cortney Downs, KY Youth Advocates

Beth Jordan, DBHDID  
Christina Weeter, KDE  
Shirley Gardstein, Cumberland River RIAC  
LeAnn Magre, Wellcare  
Brittany Roberts, KPFC  
Nina Begley, New Vista  
Ian Rosser, KY-SPIN  
Kellie Smith, KY-SPIN  
Ashley Runyon, CHFS  
Kate Overberg Wagoner, DBHDID  
Liz McKune, Passport  
David Hanna, Passport  
Eboni Blackford, AOC

## MEETING HANDOUTS

Any handouts referenced in the meeting summary above will be available on the SIAC website at <http://dbhdid.ky.gov/dbh/siac-summaries.aspx>. Under **Handouts**, use the drop down to select this meeting date.